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FM AMEMBASSY CAIRO

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INFO AMEMBASSY DACCA

AMCONSUL HONG KONG

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AMEMBASSY NEW DELHI

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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: POSSIBLE ABROGATION OF BANGLADESH -INDIAN FRIENDSHIP TREATY

1. BANGLADESH EMBASSY OFFICER CONTACTED POLOFF APRIL 15
WITH REQUEST FOR COPY OF 1971 SOVIET-EGYPTIAN FRIENDSHIP
TREATY. WHEN HE CAME TO PICK UP COPY, BANLADESH
EMBOFF STATED THAT HIS EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED URGENT
CABLED REQUEST FROM DACCA FOR TEXT OF TREATY WHICH
WAS TO BE POUCHED IMMEDIATELY. EMBOFF SAID HIS NEWLY
ARRIVED AMBASSADOR WANTS TEXT OF TREATY BECAUSE
BANGLADESH GOVERNMENT SERIOUSLY CONSIDERING ABROGATION
OF ITS OWN FRIENDSHIP TREATY WITH INDIA AND WOULD LIKE
TO COMPARE TEXTS OF TWO TREATIES. BANGLADESH
EMBOFF STATED THAT THERE IS CONSIDERABLE DESIRE WITHIN
DACCA GOVERNMENT FOR INCREASED TIES WITH PRC AND
REDUCED DEPENDENCE ON NEW DELHI GOVERNMENT (WITH ITS
SOVIET SPONSORS).

2. APPARENTLY BANLADESH EMBASSY CAIRO HAS DISCUSSED SECRET

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INFORMALLY ABROGATION OF BANGLADESH-INDIAN FRIENDSHIP

TREATY WITH GOE, ALTHOUGH NO EGYPTIAN ACTION HAS BEEN REQUESTED. BANLADESH PRINCIPAL OFFICER REPORTEDLY BROUGHT UP QUESTION WITH MINSTATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS MUHAMMAD RIAD AND COMMENTED THAT IN MANY WAYS EGYPT AND BANGLADESH IN SAME SITUATION (IN THAT BOTH ATTEMPTING TO CHANGE MILITARY AND ECONOMIC DEPENDENCE ON SOVIETS AND THEIR ALLIES).

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